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# MINERS CAUGHT LIKE RATS IN TRAP

## Thirteen Drowned by the Flooding of a Coal Mine Following a Cloudburst

### THIRTY LITTLE CHILDREN LEFT FATHERLESS

#### Wives and Children of Victims Gather at Mine and Refuse to Leave Until Efforts Are Made to Rescue Their Loved Ones—Party of 2000 Picnickers Marooned in a Park Because of Overflow of Creeks—75 Families Homeless.

Uniontown, Pa., July 24.—Caught like rats in a trap when water rushed into the mainway of Superior coal mine No. 2 at Evans station, three miles north of Cloudburst, 13 men were drowned and 37 escaped after a most terrible experience. The men were discovered about 400 feet from the mouth of the mine, their only avenue of escape. The majority of the victims were married and had large families.

**Two Thousand Marooned.**  
Large Party Unable to Leave Park Where They Were Picnicking.

Jeannette, Pa., July 24.—A cloudburst flooded miles of territory between here and Greensburg today. The lowlands were quickly inundated and hundreds of persons were compelled to flee for their lives. Residences and business places were almost completely submerged. Some districts, while the main valley and Turtie Creek railroad, together with trolley service, were out of commission.

**At Least One More Victim.**  
It is reported that at least one more victim, an unknown foreigner, will be added. He was rescued by other men in the mine when they escaped, refusing to accompany them to a place of safety.

**Thirty Children Left Fatherless.**  
The majority of the victims had large families and about 30 children are deprived of their breadwinners by one of the worst catastrophes that have ever visited Fayette county. The men who escaped were forced to half swim and half walk to the pit mouth through water ranging from ankle deep to waist to their necks. The majority of the miners who escaped were knocked down by timber that were sent down the mine with great velocity in the raging current.

**Sixty Days to Clear the Mine.**  
Several men were being carried back into the mine to clear debris that remained. It was stated tonight by officials of the Superior company that it will take at least 60 days to clear the mine of water, and until that time the bodies must remain in the water in which they perished.

**Superintendent Gives the Alarm.**  
Superintendent Buttermore was the first man to see the high water start in the mainway. He gave the alarm, and all the men on the outside rushed into the mine, and until that time the mine was not flooded.

**Wives and Families Frantic.**  
The wives and families of the miners and drivers, who were in the mine, were rushed to a large hole made by the rushing waters at the mouth of the mine, where they could find shelter. The water was so high that it was impossible to get out of the mine.

**Women and Children Remain at Mine.**  
The women and children remained at the mouth of the mine late tonight, refusing to return home until their husbands and fathers. Several large parties were held tonight, and the women and children were comforted.

**Three Lost in Another Mine.**  
Nothing could be done to avoid the catastrophe. A dam that had been built around the mainway a day or two ago, when the water was high, was washed away and the water rushed into the mine so rapidly that the pit was filled in less than thirty minutes. It was reported tonight that three men had lost their lives in the mine.

**One Victim Intended to Retire.**  
Two of the victims are Uniontown men and well known throughout the county. They are Russell Gardner, aged 35, and Pierce Solomon, aged 40. Mr. Solomon had decided to quit the mine and intended to work only a few days more. Both were married and had large families.

**Saved by His Mules.**  
One of the survivors, Andy Marchak, a driver, when he realized that water was rushing in, with such rapidity as to flood the mine, cut the wagon free from the cars of coal and while hanging on the chains he was drawn to safety by the two mules.

**Mine Filled With Water.**  
Officials of the mine, however, positively refused to allow men to be rescued, but they did allow the water to be pumped out of the mine. The mine is filled to such an extent that it would be impossible for any man to enter more than 100 yards without incurring danger from above.

**PITTSBURGH FLOODED.**  
Streams in That Vicinity Rising and Merchants Moving Goods.

Pittsburg, July 24.—For the second time since last Sunday the Pittsburg district was flooded today by one of the heaviest rains in years. In less than six hours the precipitation was close to three inches. In the boroughs adjoining the city all small streams are out of their banks. The raging torrents have crippled transportation facilities, while innumerable homes have been flooded in a dozen small towns.

**Early Tonight Turtie Creek Near Here.**  
Early tonight a turtie creek near here, flowing in the lowlands of Turtie Creek, is expected to get household goods to safety, while merchants have moved portable goods to second and third floors.

**At Hazards of the Rising Water.**  
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# Cabled Paragraphs

## The Cincinnati to Shanghai.

Amoy, China, July 24.—The third class cruiser Cincinnati of the United States Asiatic fleet sailed from this port this morning for Shanghai.

## New York Man Found Dead.

London, July 24.—The body of a man believed to be M. Cook, New York, was found this morning in a room in a boarding house in the Lombury district. The indications pointed to death from natural causes.

## Albanians Capture Pristina.

Constantinople, July 24.—Rumors which have been in vogue for two days that the Albanians have captured Pristina, a town in the vilayet of Kosova, are officially confirmed. The town fell Sunday, the garrison surrendering.

## Hamilton-Lawson Nuptials.

London, July 24.—Lord Hamilton of Dalsell and Mrs. William Lawson were quietly married in London today. Mrs. Lawson is the divorced wife of Lieut. Col. William A. Lawson, D. S. O., son and son of Lord Burnham, principal proprietor of the Daily Telegraph.

## Earthquake in Ecuador.

Guayaquil, Ecuador, July 24.—The heaviest shock of earthquake felt for many years occurred here this morning at 7 o'clock. It caused a great panic among the inhabitants of the city, and material damage has yet been reported.

## Eugenics Congress at London.

London, July 24.—The first international congress opened here today with 400 delegates representing 12 countries in attendance. The congress was opened at a banquet and reception at which speeches were made by Arthur J. Balfour, the lord mayor and Major Darwin.

## ACCELERATION OF THE MIKADO'S PULSE.

Official Bulletin Issued at 11 p. m. Yesterday Created Alarm.

Tokyo, July 24.—The official bulletin issued at 11 o'clock this morning on the condition of the emperor was reassuring, but that issued at 11 o'clock last night, this morning's bulletin declared that the temperature of the emperor was 38.2, pulse 104, respiration 22. Last night's bulletin read: "Temperature 104.4, pulse over 100, irregular; respiration 22, irregular." The physicians remained at the bedside throughout the night, as conditions were considered unfavorable. A minister of the household said this morning, however, that the emperor had slept fairly well. The acceleration of the pulse was regarded as serious, but not critical.

The 11 o'clock bulletin created alarm and the princes were summoned to the palace at 2 o'clock in the morning. The newspapers delayed issue until after 6 o'clock, when assurances were given that the emperor's condition was improving. The attending physicians do not explain the cause of the accelerated pulse, but are hopeful because the emperor remains conscious and alert. The crown prince visited the emperor, the meeting being described as affable. His majesty, however, was smiling. He showed great interest in his condition, but his mind was in no way clouded.

Great crowds gathered outside the palace walls. For the first time in history the general public has been admitted, subject to approval of the palace generals, in order to express condolence.

## MIKADO DYING.

Japanese Emperor's Condition Undergoing Serious Change.

Tokyo, July 25.—Dr. Miru, physician to the emperor, in an interview this morning, admitted that his royal patient had suffered a serious change in his condition. Dr. Miru said that the emperor's heart is weaker and he fears for his failure at any moment.

## TOWER WOMAN BLAMED FOR CHICAGO WRECK.

Coroner's Jury Also Censures Railroad That Employs Her to Do Man's Work.

Chicago, Ill., July 24.—Coroner for officials and employees of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad Company, in a practice of employing women in signal towers, was censured in the verdict of the coroner's jury at the inquest over the 14 victims of the wreck at Western Springs.

Among the employees censured was Mrs. J. Wilcox, operator in the signal tower near the wreck. She was criticized for not having been trained in handling trains. It developed that there are many women working in the signal towers, but that women should not be placed in such positions or in positions where coarseness and quick action is required.

Mrs. Wilcox misunderstood one message and failed to look back at an approaching train. The train crashed into an overhead trolley. Three trains were signalled to stop all in one block.

## BUFFALO'S LEPER LIVES IN COMFORT.

No One Will Take His Cigarettes, Bed and Tableware.

Buffalo, N. Y., July 24.—With Russian cigarettes to keep him in good humor, a bed exclusively his own, tableware that he may take with him when he goes, and meals suited to his condition, Sam Iken, a Russian leper, will remain the guest of the city indefinitely.

After a conference the heads of the local municipal departments decided to await replies to notices sent to the federal and state departments as well as the Michigan state department of health.

Iken came here from Michigan.

## WILKESBARRE PERISH BY GAS EXPLOSION.

Rescue Corps Imperil Their Own Lives to Get the Bodies.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., July 24.—Two miners were killed and three others injured, one probably fatally, by an explosion of gas today in the No. 1 colliery operated by the Delaware and Hudson company at Plymouth. The dead are John McGee, 45 years of age, and Michael Morrisey, 43.

Their bodies were found tonight horribly mangled, and brought to the surface.

In the face of great danger to themselves, rescue corps entered the workings immediately after the explosion and brought out the injured. Their passage was considerably impeded by debris from the badly wrecked interior.

Fire Destroyed the West Wing of the Union passenger station in Detroit. The loss amounts to \$50,000.

# Wage Increases for Engineers

## SEVERAL OF THEM IN THE LAST TEN YEARS

### ATTEBURY TESTIFIES

#### Vice President of Pennsylvania Road Says If General Increase Is Granted Road's Surplus Will Vanish.

New York, July 24.—W. W. Attebury, vice-president of the Pennsylvania railroad, was the principal witness today before the arbitration commission sitting at Manhattan beach to pass upon the demands of the locomotive engineers of all eastern railroads for increased pay. His testimony, while it referred mainly to the Pennsylvania lines east of Pittsburgh, of which he is the operating head, presented the whole case of the railroads to close the demand for the attention of the board for the three hours that he was on the stand.

Mr. Attebury said that the Pennsylvania railroad, arriving at basis of pay for its employees has been a constant endeavor to pay a fair rate for a fair day's work. He furnished tabular showing of work, wages, and the average pay for engineers which last he said was equal to, not better, than that on any competing railroad.

To grant the demands now made by the engineers would, the witness said, add to the operating expense of the railroad the sum of \$11,530 a year, and if proportionate increases are made in the pay of all other employees the total would be \$13,573,688, which, he declared, would wipe out the surplus of the Pennsylvania railroad in one year.

Mr. Attebury said that the Pennsylvania railroad has been given an advance of ten per cent in wages in 1902 a ten per cent increase in 1906, certain adjustments in 1907, a flat six per cent increase in 1910, and later in the same year an adjustment of wages following the New York Central arbitration case.

"We did that," said Mr. Attebury, "not because we thought our men were better paid than those of our competitors."

Operation of Electric Trains. Talking of granting the request of steam engineers that they be given the right to operate all electric trains, Mr. Attebury said:

"I think that, as far as the surface is concerned, there is a serious side to that proposition. The Pennsylvania railroad has been operating electric trains since 1904, and we have found that the cost of electric service, at a reasonable rate, is too high for the service we are now giving. The cost of electric service is too high for the service we are now giving. The cost of electric service is too high for the service we are now giving."

The improvement consists in being able to control a continuous wave, as compared with intermittent waves by the present system. After the Franco-Capitolian line in the Hawaiian Islands, the company intends to extend its system to the east, to Africa and to the British colonies. The British government has been asked to purchase the line, and the company intends to extend its system to the east, to Africa and to the British colonies.

Two Dead in Triple Shooting Tragedy. Hartford Police Seek in Vain for the Alleged Murderer.

Hartford, Conn., July 24.—Giuseppe Amato, one of the victims in a triple shooting tragedy here last night, died at a local hospital late tonight. The coroner's jury, which heard the case, found that the other woman shot, is reported as still critical, although it is believed she has a fighting chance for recovery.

The police have been securing the surrounding country in vain for Giuseppe Amato, who is alleged to have fired the shot which killed the other woman. The only clue of importance that has so far been found was the finding of a Colt revolver closely resembling the police say, the weapon that Amato is said to have used.

A man was found in a brook at the foot of Stony Hill by a 12 year old boy, William McKill. He saw the revolver in the water from a bridge of which he had been discharged. The local police are in their opinion that this is the revolver used by Amato.

## SMALL MOTOR BOAT SEEN FAR OUT AT SEA.

Steamship Captain Also Reports Passing Two Immense Icebergs.

Philadelphia, July 24.—A small motor boat, containing four people and headed toward Europe was sighted far out on the Atlantic ocean by the captain and passengers of an ocean steamer which arrived here today from Hamburg.

Captain Mass at first thought the boat might contain survivors from a shipwrecked vessel, but as no signals were displayed he proceeded without stopping the boat's destination.

The little craft, which shipping men say may be the motor boat Detroit, which was wrecked at Quonset, was seen from the deck of the Frederica July 20.

In the previous day two immense icebergs, one 120 feet high, with a base of 1,300 feet in diameter, the other more than 100 feet high, were sighted.

## SOLD AN IMMIGRANT INTO "WHITE SLAVERY."

New York Bartender Dinged to Spend 33 Years at Sing Sing.

New York, July 24.—The limit of the law in New York imprisonment was in an effort to put a stop to the rowdyism, strikes and outbreaks that have kept the prison in a continual uproar since early spring.

A few minutes before the liner Mauretania cleared from New York for Europe yesterday morning for Liverpool, there was a wedding performance on the so-called "bridal suite" on deck B. Miss Mary Antonette, 18, daughter of a New York family, and the groom was E. Alexander Montgomery, a mining engineer and mine owner of Los Angeles, Cal.

# IN FEAR OF EAST SIDE GANGSTERS

## Witness in Rosenthal Murder Case Gets Nervous and Retracts Previous Statements

### FINALLY LOCKED UP ON CHARGE OF PERJURY

#### Barber Reiser Told District Attorney That He Saw "Bridgie" Webber Running Away From Scene of Murder, But Denied It on Witness Stand—Told District Attorney That He Would Be Killed—Coroner's Hearing in Progress.

New York, July 24.—Fear of revenge at the hands of East side gangsters, the witness in the Rosenthal murder case, today temporarily blocked the efforts of District Attorney Whitman to draw out the lines closer about the men who assassinated the gambler eight days ago. Apparently averted by the presence of gangsters in the coroner's court, John Reiser, a barber known to the sporting fraternity as "John the Barber," retracted at the coroner's examination a statement which he is alleged to have made a few minutes earlier to the coroner's jury.

"Bridgie" Webber, now under arrest, running from the murder scene. After Reiser had denied having seen the man, he was arrested on a charge of perjury.

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